

Mayor Charles "Skip" Lee called a meeting of the Sterling City Council to order at 6:30 pm on Monday, July 20, 2015. Roll call. Present: Aldermen Bob Conklin, Retha Elston, Joe Martin, Chris Schuchard, John Stauter, and Chris Wilen. Absent: None.

Also present were City Attorney Ron Coplan, Finance Director Cindy Von Holten, Superintendent of Building and Zoning Amanda Schmidt, Fire Chief Gary Cook, Police Chief Ron Potthoff, and City Clerk Marie Rombouts.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Darlane Davis asked if the Strategic Plan was complete. Mayor Lee explained that they are working on it and will present results for further discussion to the Council at the end of August. Davis asked how much the plan cost. Mayor Lee stated that he did not have that number readily available.

Alderman Elston made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- A) 1) City Council Minutes of June 15, 2015
- 2) City Council Minutes of July 6, 2015
- B) Bills and Payroll totaling \$558,361.39
- C) **Resolution #R2015-7-13 to close streets for Latin American Fiesta activities** on Saturday, September 12, 2015
- D) Approve Bucket Brigade for Team Underwires on August 1, 2015 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm
- E) Refer to Plan Commission a Petition from CGH Medical Center, 100 E LeFevre Road, to rezone the property from R-5 Special Use to R-5 Special Use to allow for a Planned Unit Development
- F) Refer to Plan Commission a Petition from Terry Wolf Construction requesting to subdivide lots 103 and 104 of Oak Grove Villas on Oak Grove Avenue

The motion was seconded by Alderman Martin. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Conklin, Elston, Martin, Schuchard, Stauter, and Wilen. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Chief Cook introduced James Rodgers, hired July 8, 2015. Rodgers lives in North Pekin with his wife, Lindsey and two children. He will be relocating to Sterling. Clerk Rombouts administered the oath of office and he was welcomed by the Council.

Chief Cook reported Tim Wright started with the Sterling Police Department on April 18, 1990. He was then hired with the Fire Department on February 1, 1998. Wright was promoted to Lieutenant on June 10, 2015. Wright was pinned by his daughter, Phinley. Lt. Wright was congratulated by the Council.

Chief Potthoff introduced Officer Jason Boehm who graduated from Police Training Institute on June 18. Boehm grew up in Bradford and graduated from Bureau Valley High School. He attended Western Illinois University. He is a member of the Air National Guard and is a Tactical Air Control Party Guardsman. He is married to Haley, a pediatric nurse. Boehm was welcomed by the Council.

Alderman Elston made a motion to approve the following reappointments to the Boards and Commissions, as recommended by Mayor Lee:

- Mary White to the Fire and Police Commission, term expiring 6/30/18
- LaVonne Colloton, Bill Burke, and Andrew Moore to the Hospital Board, term expiring 6/30/20
- Jeff Lenhart to Mechanical Board, term expiring 11/20/17
- Alderman John Stauter and Independent Engineer Richard Baumann to the Storm Water and Erosion Control Appeals Board, term expiring 6/30/18

The motion was seconded by Alderman Martin. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Conklin, Elston, Martin, Schuchard, Stauter, and Wilen. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Elston made a motion to authorize the City to enter into a storm water pumping station maintenance agreement for ten years with IDOT located north and adjacent to Wallace Street, west of Illinois 40; seconded by Alderman Martin. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Conklin, Elston, Martin, Schuchard, Stauter, and Wilen. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Conklin reported that he was contacted by Ink Storm Tattoo about permit parking on the west side of Second Avenue. Clerk Rombouts explained that permit parking is rented by the quarter for employees working in the downtown to make parking available in front of businesses for customers.

Alderman Elston reminded everyone of the movie tomorrow night, concert on Wednesday, Music Fest of Saturday, and the ice cream social at the Manahan Home on Sunday.

Mayor Lee stated there will be a guest conductor at Wednesday's concert and that there are many great things happening in the area this week.

Mayor Lee asked Chief Potthoff about the house with the fallen tree. Chief Potthoff reported that the house is a seizure and he is working with the state to get Commonwealth Edison to take the tree down. Potthoff explained that one tree on City property is holding up another tree over the power lines.

Alderman Stauter asked if anything has been resolved for Karen Sundae who appeared before the Council last month. Superintendent Schmidt stated there is not much that

can be done about the indoor garage sale and she is unsure if the toilet has been removed.

Mayor Lee reported that the daughter of Roxanne Glazer, a Police Department Records Clerk, passed away last week. Lee also announced that he will become a Medicare recipient tomorrow.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm.

Marie Rombouts  
City Clerk